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SUBJECT: NFDM SITUATION IN GERMANY

REF: A. BONN 01768 B. STATE 025179 C. BONN 01907

1. OPINIONS IN GERMANY ABOUT PROPOSED NFDM MIXING
REGULATION DIFFER WIDELY. THERE IS STRONG OPPOSITION
ON PART OF GERMAN FARMERS UNION TO THE MEASURE AND
CONSIDERABLE DISSENSION WITHIN GOVERNMENT AS TO HOW
TO DEAL WITH NFDM.

2. THE GERMAN FARMERS UNION HAS TAKEN POSITION,
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REITERATED IN ITS PRESIDENT'S SPEECHES AND IN A

RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED TO EC COMMISSION, THAT MIXING REGULATION IS NEITHER SHORT NOR LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. IT WILL MAKE FEED COSTS FAR TOO HIGH FOR POULTRY AND HOG PRODUCERS (WHO ARE ALSO COMPLAINING). THE FARMERS UNION FEELS IT IS UNJUST TO PUSH SURPLUS PROBLEM OF ONE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR ONTO OTHERS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT EC MILK POLICIES WERE POORLY DESIGNED AND THE FARMERS WERE NOT ASKED FOR THEIR IDEAS. THE EC SHOULD BE DOING MORE TO MATCH DAIRY SUPPLY WITH DEMAND AND ALSO TO ACHIEVE BALANCED PROTEIN SUPPLIES. THE FARMERS UNION SOLUTIONS TO THE SHORT-TERM PROBLEM ARE TO PUT THE SURPLUS NFDM INTO FOOD AID, INTO CALF FEED, AND INTO FEED IN GENERAL THROUGH SUBSIDIES WHICH WOULD BRING ITS COST DOWN TO THAT OF COMPETING PROTEIN SOURCES. HOG PRODUCERS AND FEED COMPOUNDERS ARE ALSO RESPONDING VOCIFEROUSLY AGAINST THE PROPOSED MIXING REGULATION.

3. VARIOUS GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE NFDM MIXING REGULATION. THERE IS OPPOSITION TO SURPLUS DISPOSAL WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE THE PRODUCER OF THE OFFENDING PRODUCT TO SHOULDER ANY OF THE COSTS AND INSTEAD PUSHES THEM ONTO ANOTHER SECTOR (THIS IS IN LINE WITH EARLIER GERMAN PROPOSALS IN STOCKTAKING OF THE CAP FOR PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF DAIRY SURPLUS). SOME MINISTRIES ALSO DO NOT WISH TO SEE GATT FIGHT WITH U.S. (ECONMIN AND FORMIN). THE COUNTERWEIGHT TO THESE ARGUMENTS IS THAT THE COST OF ANY OF THE OTHER DISPOSAL METHODS (FOOD AID, SUBSIDIES) IS SIMPLY TOO GREAT. THE GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE HAS FREQUENTLY TAKEN THE POSITION THAT ITS EXPENSES RELATED TO EC GUARANTEE FUND (FEOGA) WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED, AND THEREFORE LITTLE WILLINGNESS EXISTS TO SHOULDER CONSIDERABLE PERCENTAGE OF HALF BILLION U.A. THAT MINAG OFFICIAL ESTIMATED SUBSIDY METHOD WOULD COST EC (SEE REF A).

4. INTER-MINISTERIAL STATE SECRETARY COMMITTEE DISCUSSED PROPOSED MIXING REGULATION ON FEBRUARY 3, BUT WITHOUT REACHING ANY CONCLUSIONS. ISSUE WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUCKED UP TO CABINET COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL POLICY, WHICH WILL MEET FEBRUARY 10. CABINET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL THEN BE REVIEWED BY FRG CABINET ON FEBRUARY 11.
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